



(U) SIGINT Development: A Network of Discovery Networks

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(S//SI) SIGINT Development (SIGDEV) is the set of multidisciplinary analytic and discovery activities performed to anticipate, discover and/or enhance exploitation of current and emerging foreign communications and non-communications systems, enabling NSA/CSS to satisfy intelligence needs. An iterative process, it is an element of all of our jobs, which underpins the maintenance of our technical health, responsiveness, and ensures the continuing success of the SIGINT system.

(U//FOUO) Organizationally, SIGDEV Strategy and Governance (SSG) provides strategic direction and oversight of SIGDEV initiatives and activities throughout the enterprise, while the three centers -- [Target Analysis Center](#) (TAC), [Network Analysis Center](#) (NAC), and [Target Technology Trends Center](#) (TTTC) -- develop tools and techniques and trends information that enable SID to know and own the target and its communications.

(U//FOUO) The SIGDEV mission extends well beyond the corporate elements. If the SIGINT Directorate's SIGINT authorities govern your work role, then SIGDEV is probably an element of your job, and you are part of this growing network of discovery networks. To be successful, SIGDEV leverages the skills, talents and expertise of the individual people, and capitalizes on the capabilities of our international SIGDEV partners as well as industry and academia. The SIGDEV community is transforming SIGINT by teaming to forge new alliances across the corporation, the nation and the world to meet the challenges of understanding and exploiting today's complex networks and to more fully serve our national security mission.

(S//SI) In the past few months alone, the SIGDEV community has worked together to:

- Stand up the [Iraq Terrorism Development Center](#) - a collaborative partnership that includes the Office of Counterterrorism (CT), Geospatial Exploitation Office (GEO), Office of Middle East North Africa (MENA), the Collection Requirements and Strategies Center (CSRC), the Meade Operations Center (MOC), and the Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE), and which draws on expertise throughout the SIGDEV Community. The ITDC develops leads on terrorists and former regime targets in Iraq with a goal of helping NSA/CSS increase intelligence production against these targets and to assist CENTCOM in its operational planning.
- Assume operational responsibility for the activities of the [Meade Operations Center](#) (MOC).
- Accept a significant role in filling gaps identified this fall at the [SIGINT Site Commanders Operational Review](#).
- Sponsor a [High-Powered Cordless Phone conference](#) in October that attracted nearly 500 participants from around the world.
- Expand the remit of the Joint International Topics Cell (JINTAC) from a bilateral agreement supporting counter terrorism, to a Five Eyes collaborative effort covering additional transnational problems: counterproliferation and international crime and narcotics.
- Develop three new Communities of Practice: SIGINT Reporting, Complex Systems Analysis, and Filtering and Selection on the [SIGDEV Learning Portal](#) expanding 24/7 access to authoritative information on SIGDEV policies, tools, techniques and evolving technologies.

(U//FOUO) Watch this space in the coming weeks for more details on these and more activities and initiatives taking place throughout the SIGDEV community, including the upcoming SIGDEV Conference, 21-25 June 2004.

(U//FOUO) For more information, see the [SIGDEV homepage \("go sigdev"\)](#).

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